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SUBJECT: QADHAFI COMMENTS ON JORDANIAN HIJACKERS
AND C-130'S

1. FOLLOWING IS SUBSTANCE OF QADHAFI REMARKS ON TWO
MATTERS OF SPECIAL INTEREST DURING SPEECH TO ASU CONGRESS
MOV 9. HOPE FBIS WILL BE ABLE SUPPLY COMPLETE TEXT
WHICH BROADCAST LIVE AT 1100 GMT AND AGAIN AT 1230 GMT.

2. JORDANIAN HIJACKERS: DENYING TO HIS AUDIENCE THAT
LIBYA WAS ISOLATED, QADHAFI CITED AS PROOF OF THIS THAT
OF ALL ARAB COUNTRIES, JORDANIANS WHO HIJACKED AIRLINER
NOV 6 (AMMAN 6604) CHOSE LIBYA AS PLACE TO
SEEK REFUGE. THEY KNEW LIBYA WAS "FORTRESS OF
FREEDOM". COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR FROM THIS THAT HIJACKERS
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HAVE BEEN GRANTED ASYLUM HERE.

3. US AND C-130'S: ALSO AS EVIDENCE THAT LIBYA NOT ISOLATED IN WORLD, QADHAFI POINTED OUT THAT LIBYAN SOLDIERS WENT TO BRITAIN, EUROPE, PAKISTAN, AND ELSEWHERE FOR TRAINING. LIBYA BOUGHT ARMS FROM LATIN AMERICA, BRITAIN, AND SOVIET UNION. THESE MILITARY LINKS DEMONSTRATED LIBYA HAD STRONG RELATIONS WITH REST OF WORLD. US WAS ONLY COUNTRY, QADHAFI STRESSED, TO IMPOSE AN ARMS EMBARGO ON LIBYA. REFERRING TO LIBYAN C-130'S IN US, QADHAFI EXPLAINED THAT LIBYA HAD BOUGHT AND PAID FOR SQUADRON OF TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT, BUT US HAD REFUSED TO GIVE COMPANY PERMISSION TO EXPORT THEM. THEY HAD EVEN BEEN PAINTED WITH LIBYAN AIR FORCE MARKINGS, QADHAFI SAID. COMPANY HAD OFFERED TO REFUND MONEY, BUT THIS DID NOT SOLVE PROBLEM. FACT THAT US HAD IMPOSED ARMS EMBARGO ON LIBYA INDICATED US KNEW THAT LIBYA MEANT BUSINESS, AND THIS WAS SIGN THAT LIBYA WAS ON RIGHT PATH.
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